

Camp Sheridan, Va

Jan. 10th 1865

Dear Brother,

I *recieved* your letter of the 4th inst. last evening and was glad to hear from you. I *recieved* the note you wrote me when you arrived home just before we left camp Russell but did not have any chance to write for about a week.

We had a pretty rough time of it when we came here, it was awful cold and blustering we had to sleep two or three nights out in the snow before we got our "Shanties" up. We have not built any fire places yet for we expect to move our camp again about a mile down across the Rail Road.

There is no troops here now but our Division alone and the Cavalry.

Gen. Sheridan is here yet, the story is that he is to be married to a lady in Winchester.

Why don't you write how your leg is getting along, does it get so as you can get around on it yet. The boys are all glad you have got your discharge, but hope that you will not be crippled, the boys are all well and *sends* their respects to you.

Buttler & Baldwin have gone home on a fifteen day furlough. When they get back I suppose there will be a chance for some more of us to go, but don't suppose that I will get a chance to go.

I wrote to mother the other day to send me a box of things. I wish you would get me a good pair of buckskin gloves and put in a pair that will fit you will do for me. Send a good pair that are well lined and get a pound of good fine cut chewing tobacco and a pound of smoking.

Bill Hardenburg spoke to me yesterday about some money that he lent you at Monocacy(?) \$2.00. ~~If you~~ I will pay him when we get paid which will be before long. When you send that Box direct it to Stephensons Station Va. via Harpers Ferry, there will be no trouble but what it will come right along for we are right close to the R. R. A number of the boys have got Express boxes since we came here. Well I have not time to write any more. Write as often as you can and write the news. I wish you would send me a copy of the "Utica Morning Herald" once in a while. Give my love to all.

From your Brother,

John F. Brand